



United States  
Department of  
Agriculture

Animal and  
Plant Health  
Inspection  
Service

4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD 20737

Dear Applicant/Permittee:

Please see the enclosed information concerning the entry status of Bigleaf Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*). It is important that you read all the information carefully and obtain the necessary permits and certificates prior to importing shipments of *Swietenia macrophylla*. If you have already obtained the necessary permits, you do not have to re-apply until your permit expires.

Feel free to give our office a call at Area Code (301) 734-8645 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

DON THOMPSON For

Peter M. Grosser  
Senior Operations Officer  
Port Operations  
Operational Support  
Plant Protection and Quarantine

Enclosure





## **Current Entry Status of Bigleaf Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) Logs, Lumber, and Veneer**

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Effective November 16, 1995, Bigleaf Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*) has been placed on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) appendix III list. This was placed on the list at the request of the country of Costa Rica.

Therefore, shipments of *Swietenia macrophylla* originating from Costa Rica (the requesting country) must be accompanied by a CITES export certificate issued in Costa Rica. All other shipments of *Swietenia macrophylla* originating from the Americas, other than Costa Rica (which includes South America, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America), will be required to be accompanied by a CITES certificate of origin issued by the country of origin. Questions regarding certificates of origin can be addressed by:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Office of Management Authority  
4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 420c  
Arlington, Virginia 22203

TELEPHONE: (703) 358-2095  
FAX: (703) 358-2281

In addition to the requirements listed above, a CITES General Permit issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture is required for shipments of logs, lumber, and veneer of wood listed on the CITES list, including *Swietenia macrophylla*. A \$70.00 fee is associated with this permit, and the permit is valid for a two year period. The General Permit does not have to accompany the paperwork associated with the CITES import shipment. In effect, the General Permit serves as a "license to trade commercially" in CITES listed species. Also, there is no limit on the number of shipments that may be made during the validity of the General Permit. A General Permit application is attached for your convenience. Questions regarding this permit can be addressed by:

USDA-APHIS-PPQ-Permit Unit  
4700 River Road, Unit 136  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737

TELEPHONE: (301) 734-8645  
FAX: (301) 734-5786



Shipments of CITES regulated wood (including *Swietenia macrophylla*) must be imported through U.S. ports of entry approved to clear CITES material. These ports are as follows:

Baltimore, MD	New Orleans, LA
Charleston, SC	Nogales, AZ
El Paso, TX	Norfolk, VA
Gulfport, MS	Orlando, FL
Hoboken, NJ (Port of New York)	Philadelphia, PA
Honolulu, HI	Portland, OR
Houston, TX	San Diego, CA
JFK airport, NY	San Francisco, CA
Los Indios, TX (Brownsville)	San Juan, PR
Los Angeles, CA (Airport & Maritime)	Savannah, GA
Miami, FL	Seattle, WA
Mobile, AL	Vancouver, WA
Morehead City, NC	Wilmington, NC

Also, be advised that shipments of logs, lumber, and other unmanufactured wooden articles, may also need a separate import permit under Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 319.40. This quarantine permit does not have a fee associated with it. For questions regarding this permit, please contact:

Mary Joyce Griffin  
USDA-APHIS-PPQ-Permit Unit  
4700 River Road, Unit 136  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737

TELEPHONE: (301) 734-8393  
FAX: (301) 734-5786  
E-MAIL: [mgriffin@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:mgriffin@aphis.usda.gov)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINEAPPLICATION FOR GENERAL PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF IMPORTING,  
EXPORTING, OR REEXPORTING TERRESTRIAL PLANTSMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH CHECK  
TO:USDA-APHIS-PPQ-Permit Unit  
4700 River Road, Unit 136  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1236  
(301) 734-8645

INSTRUCTIONS: One copy of this application must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$70.00 made payable to Plant Protection and Quarantine. This fee shall not be refunded if the application is denied or abandoned. If a General Permit is issued based on this application, it shall be valid for two years from date of issue.

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (include ZIP Code)

TELEPHONE NUMBER: AC ( )

2. APPLICATION IS IN THE NAME OF  
("X" one)☐ AN INDIVIDUAL☐ A BUSINESS

3. DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR ACTIVITIES RELATING TO IMPORTING, EXPORTING, OR REEXPORTING PLANTS LISTED IN 50 CFR 17.12 AND 23.23 (if more space is needed, continue on reverse side)

4A. NAME OF BUSINESS AFFILIATION (if any) HAVING TO DO WITH IMPORTING, EXPORTING OR REEXPORTING PLANTS LISTED IN 50 CFR 17.12 AND 23.23  
(if none, so state)

B. FORM OF BUSINESS ("X" one if applying as a business)

☐ CORPORATION ☐ FIRM ☐ PARTNERSHIP ☐ OTHER (specify)C. LIST THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PARTNER, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, HOLDER, AND OWNER OF 10% OR MORE OF VOTING STOCK, AND EMPLOYEE IN A  
MANAGERIAL OR EXECUTIVE CAPACITY (if more space is needed continue on reverse side)5. ADDRESS(ES) WHERE PLANTS LISTED IN 50 CFR 17.12 AND 23.23 WOULD BE GROWN OR STORED AND ANY OTHER LOCATION WHERE ACTIVITIES RELATED  
TO SUCH PLANTS WOULD BE CONDUCTED6. STREET ADDRESSES WHERE BOOKS OR RECORDS CONCERNING THE IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION OR REEXPORTING OF PLANTS LISTED IN 50 CFR 17.12 AND 23.23 WILL BE  
KEPT

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO MAKE RECORDS OR PLANT INVENTORIES AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION BY INSPECTORS

TELEPHONE NUMBER: AC ( )

I hereby certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

False Statement: Falsification of any item on this application may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (18 U.S.C. 1001)

8. SIGNATURE (partner or officer if a business)

9. DATE